

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: SIDE RAIL, HOSPITAL BED INCLUDING THE SAME, METHOD OF OPERATING
ASSOCIATED THERETO AND KIT FOR ASSEMBLING THE SIDE RAIL

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 12, 2005. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.